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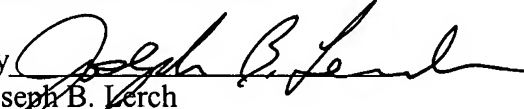
Claim 20 depends from claim 2 and is allowable based upon its dependence from an allowable claim. It is noted that the cancellation of claim 19 and submission of claim 20 should not be considered an amendment for a purpose related to the statutory requirements for patentability. Claim 20 depends from an allowable claim and is allowable, because substantively any claim dependent from an allowable claim is also allowable.

For all of the reasons stated above, all of the claims presently in this application are in condition for allowance.

Applicant's attorney has made every effort to place this patent application in condition for allowance. It is therefore, honestly requested that this patent application, as a whole, receive further for reconsideration and that all of the claims be allowed as presently constituted. Should there remain any unanswered questions, the Examiner is requested to call the applicant's undersigned attorney and the telephone number indicated below.

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